

## MAG LEAN ANSWERS FASSETT.

Investigation of the Police Department is Court.

Surprised that the Inquirer Didn't Probe the \$250,000 Blood Money Charge.

Political circles were all agog to-day over Senator Fassett's defence of the late Senator Chamberlain at Albany last evening upon the integrity of New York's officials.

At the big white building in Mulberry street, too, there was considerable excitement over Fassett's charges that the police extorted \$250,000 in "blood money" every month.

Senator Fassett's charges grew out of the opposition of the Democratic Senators to Chamberlain's resolution to investigate the canal, when Senator Jacobs taunted Fassett with having been unable to do anything better in New York's municipal management by his recent investigation.

Unable to restrain himself, the Prime Investigator fired his shot at his enemies:

"What is the matter with the New York Democratic District Attorney and his predecessors? What is the reason these wrongdoers and felons go free up and down the streets of your Democratic cities? You dare not investigate because the frauds may hurt prominent Democrats in New York City to-day, Senator."

"Way down the Senate committee investigation," asked Roessly. "Why did they do it at the Police Department of the City of New York? It was because Republican officials would have been involved?"

"We have not stopped," replied Fassett. "Nine-tenths of your police officers are Democrats."

"Your collectors, your private detectives, and your ward detectives, that go around and collect your blood money, that I am told on good authority amounts to \$250,000 a month, and that is done by Democratic officials for the benefit of Democratic office-holders."

"If I had ten lives and ten personalities and the strength of ten men, I would undertake, if the Senate would give me time enough and power enough, to investigate all the Democratic rottenness in New York City."

"I don't wonder that the Senator from the Ninth (Stadler), who is a pretty good gentleman, but who represents certain interests on this floor, would feel a little sensitive about the Police Department."

"The Police Department costs that city a great deal of money every year. The side doors cannot be opened, the side curtains cannot be drawn down, the laws cannot be violated, indictments cannot fail of trial except money comes from the liquor dealers."

"If there are any ten, fifteen, twenty thousand indictments pending, if there are any twenty thousand forfeited bonds, that have never been satisfied, it is all because the liquor dealer pays for it. The Commissioner said on the stand that if the Excise laws are a howling force it is all because the poor liquor dealer has to pay the shot."

President Charles P. MacLean, of the Board of Police Commissioners, had some very quiet but forcible remarks to make this morning regarding Senator Fassett's charges. To an EVENING WORLD reporter he said:

"As to the assertion that so many of the officers are Democrats I care but very little. It is very probable that in a city where the population is so largely Democratic, the majority of the public officials and the police men, who now have to pass through the civil service, and over whose selection we have very little to say, should be Democratic. I do not mind anything said to that."

"But it seems to me that if a Senator who is honored with such large legislative powers as the Chairman of the Investigating Committee, has any well-founded suspicion that anybody collects 'blood money,' or that anybody does anything that is contrary to the statute, under the color of police authority, or alleged authority, he should make such inquiry as would show that the law is being violated."

"If my friend Mr. Fassett will make any such inquiry, or if any other person honored with such powers as Senator Fassett and his Committee had, will attempt any such inquiry, I will help him in every way that I can, personally and officially."

"I have known Mr. Fassett for many years and personally I like him very well. He is a man who, I think, is very decided and energetic, and I am very much surprised that he should make any such statements."

**ANOTHER PARIS BANK SHAKEN.**

The Societe General Credit Industriel is in Trouble.

BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION. PARIS, April 17.—The Societe General Credit Industriel is reported in difficulties.

Its shares fell 70 francs this morning. The house has a capital of 60,000,000 francs and reserves of 5,239,475 francs.

The President is J. Gay, and the directors include the French Minister of Agriculture, one of the directors is the French Minister of Finance and a number of other persons of prominence.

## FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

Newfoundland Delegates Draw No Line at Annexation.

Draft of the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty Completed.

LONDON, April 17.—A. H. Morine, one of the Newfoundland delegates now visiting London and the leader of the Opposition in that colony, on being asked his views on the present situation, replied:

"Within the last two years, especially within the last few months, the feeling in favor of annexation to the United States has been growing rapidly in Newfoundland."

"The French of severing our relations with the Mother Country would be severe, but we must live, and we cannot live under such conditions as are now being imposed on us."

"It is the general belief in Newfoundland that France would settle the difficulty without a moment's hesitation were the United States and Great Britain the other party to the controversy."

"There is not the slightest doubt but that the United States would gladly take over Newfoundland. Where, then, would Canada be, with Alaska, United States territory, on her western boundary, and Newfoundland, equally American territory, on the eastern? We are, however, still in hopes that British justice will be dealt out to us."

G. H. Blincoe, another of the delegates, also expressed himself on the subject. He said:

"Let the present line of British policy be insisted upon, and conflict must ensue on the west coast of North America. The French conditions that it would be easy for interested parties to incite the people to acts of violence. French property would not be safe."

"There is already considerable sympathy existing between the United States and Newfoundland. If matters come to the worst it is difficult to see why other outcomes would be better than that the connection would become much more sympathetic and intimate."

**Ravages of the Grip in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.**

LONDON, April 17.—The ravages of the grip in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire are becoming daily more serious.

It has broken out at Driffield, a town of 8,000 inhabitants, twenty miles from Hull, where it has become epidemic, and at Rotherham, six miles from Sheffield, at Sheffield itself, Hull and Leeds it is more or less prevalent.

The death-rate of Sheffield last week rose to 42.6 against 24.8 the week before. In one public institution in Hull there are a dozen well cases.

At Horncastle, eighteen miles from Lincoln, there are scores of people stricken down, and in the surrounding country the disease is especially fatal.

**The Proposed New Cuban Treaty May Extend Our Flour Market.**

BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION. LONDON, April 17.—The completed draft of the proposed partial reciprocity treaty between Spain and the United States, which is ready to-day, is understood to fix very low duties on flour and other articles imported from the United States into the Antilles.

Gen. John W. Foster, the special envoy who has negotiated the new treaty on the part of America, will leave Madrid for home to-morrow.

**Another New Cure for Consumption Announced in France.**

BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION. LONDON, April 17.—A new remedy for tuberculosis has been discovered by Prof. George B. Sars, and is said to have been tried with gratifying success in several cases.

In this treatment the patient is confined in a chamber of compressed air and breathes a compound of creosote and eucalyptus.

**Condensed Cablegrams.**

The relations between France and Russia, India. Troops are guarding the bank. Premier Mercler, of Canada, tells a Paris newspaper that Canadian annexation to the United States is impossible.

Financial district continues at Buenos Ayres, and the premium on gold is rising.

## MR. VANDERBILT FEELS SAFE.

Fears No Spread of Smallpox from the Case on His Yacht Alva.

The Yacht's Entire Crew Vaccinated This Morning at Quarantine.

This morning the entire crew of the Vanderbilt yacht, Alva, which arrived at Quarantine yesterday afternoon with a case of virulent smallpox on board, were vaccinated by Deputy Health Officer Skinner.

The yacht will be detained at Quarantine for fourteen days, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No additional cases have been found on the Alva.

William K. Vanderbilt, the owner of the Alva, was seen by an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning at his mother's residence, 405 Fifth avenue.

Mr. Vanderbilt said it was unfortunately true that he had been shipwrecked with a case of smallpox for a few days, but he did not fear any serious results. He had been vaccinated, and had been advised by his physician. The latter was of the opinion that he had nothing to fear.

Mr. Hoyt was out when the reporter called. Mr. Hoyt was at home.

"We have all been vaccinated," said Mr. Vanderbilt. "We did not expose ourselves after we found out what the matter was, you can be assured. We kept by ourselves."

"Of course, the disease was on the yacht, but we were not placed in as hazardous a position as are people who come in contact with smallpox in horse cars and on elevated trains."

Mr. Hoyt said the trip had been a delightful one, and he had thoroughly enjoyed himself. QUARANTINE, New York Harbor, April 17.—Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's steam yacht Alva is still here and will be held for several days. The health officers are vaccinating those of the crew who have not received their attention. The yacht is being fumigated.

**CONTAGION ON THE FULDA.**

The Big Passenger Ship Quarantined for Smallpox.

The North German Lloyd steamship Fulda reached Quarantine at 7 o'clock this morning. It was not allowed to proceed to her dock in Hoboken.

The health officers at quarantine found that the big steamship had contagion on board, and ordered her detention.

Deputy Health Officer Skinner, in making his inspection of the passengers, discovered a case of smallpox in the steerage, which had escaped the attention of the ship's surgeon.

Juliana Steinman, twenty years old, the wife of a Prussian immigrant, was the person afflicted.

Dr. Skinner says she has been infected not more than forty-eight hours. He immediately isolated the case and transferred the patient to the steamer George C. Peck, which was removed direct to North Brother's Island.

Mrs. Steinman boarded the Fulda at Bremen, with her husband and family.

The Fulda left Bremen April 7, and had a rather long passage.

She had 900 steerage passengers, largely German, Swedish and Italians. She had also for saloon passengers.

At 11 o'clock the saloon passengers and their baggage were transferred to the steamerboat George Starr and John E. Moore and brought up to the Company's dock in Hoboken.

The disease, it was said, was first apparent in the women's early tea and then a job with twenty-four hours if he substantiated his claim with the crew.

"I do not know what the Commissioners may do now. They would probably investigate were a formal complaint made."

## GOOD COIN FOR BOGUS PULLS.

Thomas Cole Says He Paid \$300 to Get on the Sparrow Police.

The Appointment Came Not, and He Is Trying to Get His Money Back.

Thomas Cole tells an interesting tale of his efforts to get on the police force.

Cole is a car driver living at 108 East Eighty-eighth street. Ever since the strike on the Fourth avenue road, when he lost his position, he has been ambitious to wear the blue or the gray.

He says he had always had an impression that it required a "pull," besides a civil-service examination, to get on the force. He lacked the necessary "pull," which, however, he was willing to pay for. He had understood that political pulls were a commodity in the market.

Mr. Cole asserts that his belief in that regard was strengthened by John Pursell, Mr. Pursell belongs to the Park Mounted Squad. In him Cole confided. He went to see Pursell frequently, and each time expressed his admiration for the sparrow service and his regret that he wasn't "in it."

Pursell told him, he says, that it would be easy to get on the force if he had money. Cole replied that he had a little.

Two days later, Cole says, Pursell introduced him to John J. Shelley, of 178 East Eighty-eighth street, section foreman in the employ of the Park Board. He was introduced to Cole, who, as the man with the "pull," would "do" things. This "pull," Shelley said, was worth \$400.

Cole was impressed by Shelley's manner and appearance, and agreed to give Shelley \$300 down and \$50 more after he had received his appointment.

Mr. Hoyt was paid over and Cole says he received this receipt:

Rec'd from Thomas Cole the sum of \$300 JOHN SHELLEY, per George Roe.

Cole asked who George Roe was, and here the plot thickens.

"George Roe," Shelley is said to have explained confidentially, "is the man who acts for Harry Hart in this transaction. Hart is the Alderman from this district, and will fix things. Hart thinks you are only paying me \$300, and he thinks you are about to tell him \$500 is all you paid me."

The records of the Civil-Service Board show that Cole passed successfully his examination, attaining an average of 87.70. His name was placed on the list of eligibles, but his appointment, though longed for, never came.

He was out of work, and the "pull" he had paid for with the only money he had in the world did not materialize. Cole became anxious and confided his case to Pursell, who advised him to be patient.

Incidentally, Cole says, Pursell told him he had a "pull" too, but it was not strong enough to hurry the matter up with the Civil-Service Board, as he was "foul" with Secretary Lee Phillips. This friendly and confidential secured for \$50.

Cole had no more money; and it had begun to look upon him that he had been victimized. He placed his case in the hands of Lawyer Henry L. Melanard, of 115 Broadway, who confirms Cole's story. He wrote a letter to Shelley, who made restitution of \$250 of the money, and for the rest he was angry to be sued.

Alderman Hart was more than angry—furious would describe better his feelings—when he learned that his name was dragged into this shady affair. He denied all knowledge of or connection with it.

Shelley came to him and asked him to see his attorney for Cole, but he knew nothing of the deal. He knew Shelley very well, and went to Shelley's house, and the latter, in the presence of a witness, declared that Alderman Hart was not the man who had given the "pull" to Cole.

Alderman Hart was out of town to-day. Shelley was seen in the Park by an EVENING WORLD reporter, but in answer to all questions replied: "I haven't time to see you to-day. Among park policemen Pursell's alleged share in the affair was the chief topic of conversation. He could not be found at his home. The Park Board will no doubt attend to him and Shelley."

At the office of the Park Commissioners was at the office of the Department this morning, and Secretary Puras said with reference to the story of Cole and the "pull" trial and dismissal of Pursell and Shelley:

"If this man had a grievance against the Park Board, he should have made complaint to the Commissioners, and I will warrant that he would not have been so long in getting his money back. He wrote a letter to Shelley, who made restitution of \$250 of the money, and for the rest he was angry to be sued."

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HELD FOR PASSING A BAD BILL

Serious Charge Against Nathan Markus, the Canal Street Tailor.

Nathan Markus, of the firm of Markus Brothers, 245 Canal street, was before United States Commissioner Smeads this morning, charged with passing a counterfeit five-dollar bill on one of his employees, Raphael Abel, of 173 East Broadway.

Abel has been doing work for Markus Brothers for some time. Last week he had a check for \$50, which he got from Markus, to cash, and among the bills given him, it is alleged, was the counterfeit.

Abel sent a member of his family to Station B to secure a postoffice order with the \$5 bill. The post-office authorities discovered that it was a counterfeit, and sent for Secret Service Agent Brooks, who took the bill and proceeded to make an investigation.

He discovered, he says, that Markus had sent the bill to a Bowery bank for deposit, where it was stamped counterfeit on the face and returned to the tailor.

Markus, instead of destroying the bill, it is alleged, took it slightly and then passed a slip of paper over the work counterfeiter so that it could not be seen, and passed it on Abel. Abel did not know that the bill was bad. The counterfeit bill was turned over to the Treasury note of the series of 1878.

Markus was arrested by Agent Brooks last night. Markus' wife, who lives at 100 East 10th street, was taken to the Bowery station, where she was held for \$2,000 bail, which was furnished by his brother.

**Small Profit.**

Drug Clerk (to stranger): "What do you want, sir?"

Stranger: "I wish you 'good morning,' sir. Where is your directory?"

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98c. Ladies' red goat and patent leather vamp, kid-back, Nady tie slippers, high heels; sizes 1 to 6, widths B, C and D; every pair well worth \$2.50, for

1.19. Ladies' patent leather Oxford tie, medium heel; widths B, C, D and E, all sizes; worth \$3.00, for

1.98. Only 150 pairs Children's patent leather button shoes, spring heels, glazed kid tops, sizes 5 to 10½, slightly checked in the patent leather; sold regularly for \$1.75; at

98c. Of this last lot we expect to be completely sold out at closing time on Saturday night. We cannot therefore undertake to exchange any of this one lot; nor can we send them C. O. D.

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LAST OF THE GANG INDICTED.

Three Counts for Burglary Found Against Bookman Robert Scott.

One of the crew that Robbed the Erie of \$10,000 Worth of Merchandise.

Robert Scott, twenty-four years old, a railroad brakeman, was today indicted by the Hudson County (N. J.) Grand Jury on three charges of burglary.

His arrest has been kept a secret because it was suspected he had a hand in the Walker's safe diamond robbery in Jersey City a few weeks ago.

Chief of Police Murphy is now satisfied that Scott had nothing to do with the diamond burglary.

Detective McNally arrested Scott in the Bowery last Tuesday, and he was released from a New York warehouse property worth \$1,000 stolen by Scott and his accomplices now in prison, from the Erie Railroad cars in Jersey City, Paterson and intervening stations.

The gang of which Scott was a member were the Railroad men. Their stealing operations began in the fall of 1890. They knew how to open freight cars, and their acquaintance with railroad employees enabled them to get away with \$10,000 worth of merchandise without being detected or suspected.

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